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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008. The response due date, extended one month and to the first business day following a weekend, is September 1, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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